

VZCZCXRO3679
OO RUEHIK RUEHPOD RUEHYG
DE RUEHC #8992/01 1600040
ZNR UUUUU ZZH
O 090018Z JUN 09
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO RUEHAK/AMEMBASSY ANKARA IMMEDIATE 8759
RUEHRL/AMEMBASSY BERLIN IMMEDIATE 1658
RUEHSL/AMEMBASSY BRATISLAVA IMMEDIATE 9273
RUEHBS/AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS IMMEDIATE 4030
RUEHBM/AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST IMMEDIATE 1606
RUEHUP/AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST IMMEDIATE 6812
RUEHCP/AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN IMMEDIATE 0430
RUEHLI/AMEMBASSY LISBON IMMEDIATE 7468
RUEHLJ/AMEMBASSY LJUBLJANA IMMEDIATE 6427
RUEHLO/AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE 4680
RUEHLE/AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG IMMEDIATE 5712
RUEHMD/AMEMBASSY MADRID IMMEDIATE 1812
RUEHNY/AMEMBASSY OSLO IMMEDIATE 8064
RUEHOT/AMEMBASSY OTTAWA IMMEDIATE 5368
RUEHFR/AMEMBASSY PARIS IMMEDIATE 4828
RUEHPG/AMEMBASSY PRAGUE IMMEDIATE 0281
RUEHRK/AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK IMMEDIATE 9470
RUEHRA/AMEMBASSY RIGA IMMEDIATE 1435
RUEHRO/AMEMBASSY ROME IMMEDIATE 1047
RUEHSF/AMEMBASSY SOFIA IMMEDIATE 3353
RUEHTL/AMEMBASSY TALLINN IMMEDIATE 7270
RUEHTC/AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE IMMEDIATE 5440
RUEHTI/AMEMBASSY TIRANA IMMEDIATE 3366
RUEHVL/AMEMBASSY VILNIUS IMMEDIATE 2182
RUEHWR/AMEMBASSY WARSAW IMMEDIATE 3999
RUEHVB/AMEMBASSY ZAGREB IMMEDIATE 2801
RUEHNO/USMISSION USNATO IMMEDIATE 8864
INFO NATO EU COLLECTIVE IMMEDIATE
RHMFISS/JOINT STAFF WASHINGTON DC IMMEDIATE
RHEHNSC/NSC WASHINGTON DC IMMEDIATE 3505
RUEKJCS/SECDEF WASHINGTON DC IMMEDIATE

UNCLAS SECTION 01 OF 02 STATE 058992

SIPDIS

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: [MARR](#) [NATO](#) [PGOV](#) [PREL](#)

SUBJECT: CONTRIBUTING TO NATO,S LONG-TERM COUNTER-PIRACY
OPERATIONS IN THE HORN OF AFRICA.

REF: USNATO 227

¶1. (U) Summary: At the strong urging of the United States, NATO is moving forward with a long-term counter-piracy mission (Operation Ocean Shield). On June 5, Allies agreed to a concept of operations (CONOPS) for a year-long counter piracy mission and are expected to pledge forces at a conference on June 10 at SHAPE. Defense Ministers are expected to address force generation shortfalls on June 11 and 12. The U.S. will contribute additional assets to NATO's efforts that may include naval vessels, logistics, communications and intelligence, and contributions to a NATO capacity building effort for regional states. The U.S. already has seven assets, including ships, helicopters and maritime patrol aircraft working on counter-piracy on both CMF and NATO Operations.

¶2. (U) Some Allies notably Germany, France, The Netherlands and Belgium have said at a May 22 meeting at SHAPE that they are doing enough through the EU ATALANTA mission. This is not a zero-sum game between the EU and NATO. Each of these nations has the responsibility to do more. The EU's 13 vessels engaged in counter-piracy operations are not sufficient for the area's 2.4 million square nautical miles of waters. Some EU nations also have said a long-term NATO operation would require a solid legal framework for transferring pirates to third parties before more Allies would be willing to contribute assets. NATO legal advisors are traveling to African regional states to negotiate NATO's position regarding its legal framework and transfer of detained pirates. The lack of a third party

agreement, though, has not stopped NATO's current counter-piracy mission, which has proven to be successful in spite of not yet having concluded an agreement with Kenya or another state on prosecution of detained pirates.

¶3. (U) NATO naval inventories, cataloged in the regular NATO Defense Planning Questionnaire (DPQ), demonstrate that Allies clearly have more ships than the 13 or so participating in EU's ATALANTA mission. Some Allies favor engaging the Standing NATO Maritime Group component in the NATO counter-piracy operation. NATO nations may also bring assets such as maritime patrol aircraft to this mission.

¶4. (U) ACTION Request: Posts are requested to deliver the following demarche to capitals on June 9 in preparation for the June 10 force generation conference at SHAPE:

-- The U.S. is planning to make a contribution at the June 10 counter-piracy force generation conference in support of NATO's Operation Ocean Shield.

-- It is paramount that Allies provide resources to NATO's force generation effort.

-- Contributions to NATO's or the EU's counter-piracy operations are not a zero-sum game.

STATE 00058992 002 OF 002

NATO, the EU, CTF 151, working with the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS) can help protect 2.4 million square miles in the Indian Ocean from Somalia's pirates. Allies, even those contributing to ATALANTA should contribute to NATO counter-piracy operations.

-- A look at NATO naval inventories as catalogued in the NATO Defense Planning Questionnaire demonstrate that Allies have more ships and assets than the 13 or so now participating in ATALANTA.

-- It would be appropriate to use NATO's Standing Naval Maritime Group (SNMG) to support NATO's counter-piracy mission, Operation Ocean Shield.

-- NATO contributions have a qualitatively unique capability for command and control, coordination and intelligence.

¶5. (U) Posts are requested to report host government reactions and comments to EUR/RPM Peter Chisholm at ChisholmPT@state.gov.
CLINTON